

Jul 13, 2021

2021 DAT Board Minutes

Present: Marc Perry, Santo Carfora, Billy Bob Grahn, Jill Gant, Vicki Brown, Neil Deupree, Kamran Mirza, Jane Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM. We met on Zoom. The June minutes were reviewed and Vicki Brown moved for their approval. Neil Deupree seconded the motion and all present were in favor. Next the Treasurer's report was reviewed by Santo. He noted that Community Health of Beloit is a new corporate member. We welcome them! Santo mentioned soon the DAT board will need to decide how to support the YWCA Racial Justice Conference coming this fall, Nov, 4th. Neil Deupree moved that DAT donate \$750.00 for a sponsorship to support the conference. Kamran seconded this motion and all were in favor. Vicki Brown asked if the new treasurer could do most of the work online with CFSW. The answer was "Yes".

Next on the agenda were replacement officers for Treasurer and Secretary. Vicki Brown was nominated to be the new Treasurer. Santo Carfora's term was up in June. Kamran moved that Vicki be our new Treasurer with a second by Jill Gant. All present voted in favor of Vicki and she accepted the position. Santo has offered to meet with her to help with the transition. Next for discussion was the replacement for Jill Gant as Secretary. Her term was also up in June, 2021. Stephanie Aegerter was nominated for the new Secretary however she was not present at this meeting. In our previous June meeting Stephanie mentioned her involvement in July play practice. She anticipated this would cause her to miss our July board meeting. Stephanie was sent a text message from our present meeting, asking if she was interested in the Secretary position. The motion to consider Stephanie was tabled by Santo in order to wait for her response. Kamran Mirza seconded Santo's motion. Jill Gant mentioned that Kamran had shown interest in filling the Secretary's job in our May meeting. Kamran is still willing to fill the position if needed.

The management of our website, currently with Eric Kuznacic was next on the agenda. Santo researched and shared a screen shot of two choices. He did a thorough job of comparing services between "Go Daddy" and "What the Fuss" (our current provider) Following discussion and questions there was consensus to stay with our current plan with Eric Kuznacic. Santo made the motion to stay with "What the Fuss" with a second by Vicki Brown. All present were in favor.

Next, we agreed to post the monthly DAT board minutes on our website after they have been approved at the following month's meeting. This would take the place of a previous practice of sending the minutes to all DAT members, but not posting them on our website.

Kamran gave a thorough report on upcoming programs for 2021. An addendum will be attached to these minutes with program titles and possibly a short review. Some of the 2022 programs are still being developed. The committee is aiming at some in person or a "hybrid" of online/in person programs. The titles are enticing and very current! Jane Thompson moved that we accept the Program Committee's programs with a second by Vicki Brown. All were in favor. We recognize the hard work that goes into program planning.

Billy Bob Grahn gave a report on activities of Allies of Native Nations. As per the June Minutes, the program to get bundles of books delivered to 25 public schools is moving along. The "Allies" Group has made suggestions to the State of Wisconsin for ACT 31. Billy Bob is pleased to report that some of their suggestions have been accepted and will be put into practice. Jill Gant moved we accept Billy Bob's report. Santo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Jane Thompson is willing to do our August DAT Newsletter. Suggestions for the newsletter are: Information on the upcoming Racial Justice Conference Nov.4th 2021, topics for Courageous Conversations, including Red Summer, an introduction or brief bio of our new Secretary, Kamran Mirza, and Treasurer, Vicki Brown, promoting Study Circles, possible a book review(s) by author Louise Erdrich. Santo suggested putting our DAT gmail address in the newsletter for those interested in joining a study circle to sign up. It is: diversityactionteam@gmail.com. Jane would appreciate getting information no later than July 26th. Jill Gant offered to help with folding and mailing once the newsletter is printed.

Janesville's National Night Out, August 3rd was discussed. Billy Bob offered to set up our table, with possible assistance from Marc Perry. Neil, Santo and Jill will staff the table after 6:00PM Additional DAT members would be welcome and appreciated if they can help. We will have our brochures, pens, and other items to hand out at our table. Santo will order 1,000 more brochures from Pro Forma. The cost of brochures with shipping will be under \$250.00. A motion was made by Marc Perry and seconded by Billy Bob Grahn to get these ordered asap, so they can be handed out at National Night Out. All were in favor.

It is nearly time to close our meeting. In the absence of a response from Stephanie Aegerter being nominated for secretary of DAT, Neil Deupree moved to nominate Kamran Mirza. Bill Bob Grahn seconded the motion. Kamran accepted and all present voted in favor of Kamran filling the position. Jill Gant offered to help with any questions Kamran may have getting started.

For the Good of the Order

Jill will order 100 more thank you notes with DAT logo from JAX printing. The cost will be under \$100.00, so a motion was not needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Gant DAT Secretary